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FORCED A SURRENDER

Report of the Fight at Stormberg
From the Boers.

THE FIGHT SEVERE.

Nearly Five Hundred British Taken
Prisoners and Report Says it
Was Impossible to Number
Dead or Wounded.

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 10.—President Steyn has sent the following dispatch of the fight at Stormberg Junction:

"The British with six cannons attacked the Boers under Swaneppel and Oliver, and stormed the Boers entrenched positions on kopjes. After a severe fight they were compelled to surrender. The prisoners are Major Sturges and 6 officers and 30 noncommissioned officers and men of the Northumberland, and two officers and about 250 noncommissioned officers and men of the Irish fusiliers. It is impossible to state the number of dead or wounded to the British. The Boers captured three cannons and two ammunition wagons."

REPORT FROM GATACRE.

He Tells of His Defeat by Boers and
How it Happened.

London, Dec. 12.—The war office has received the following from General Forester-Walker, dated Cape Town, Monday, Dec. 12. It is the report he received from General Gatacre and is as follows:

"The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and local guides. Policemen took us round some miles and consequently we were marching from 9.30 p. m. to 4 a. m. and landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from an unscalable hill and wounded a good many of our men while in the open plain. The Second Northumberland tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish fusiliers seized the kopje near and held on to it, supported by mounted infantry and Cape police. The guns under Jeffreys could not have been better handled. But I regret to say one gun was overturned in a deep nullah and another sank in quicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available. Seeing the situation I sent a dispatch rider to Molteno with the news. I collected and withdrew our forces from ridge to ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately at 5000 yards. I am holding Bushmans Hook and Cypergat. Am sending the Irish rifles and Northumberlands to Starkestrom to recuperate. The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands number 866, not 306 as previously reported."

BRITISH SURPRISED.

Cannot Account for the Defeat of Gatacre by the Boers.

London, Dec. 12.—No further news has been received to remove the mystery overhanging General Gatacre's retreat near Stormberg. He has not forwarded the promised additional message and the censorship has prevented the correspondents from explaining the matter. While it appears to be generally admitted that General Gatacre is inclined to overwork his men, Lord Durkan's remarks are considered in rather bad taste. Until General Gatacre has given his explanation it is felt that considerable allowance must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laings Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills and flanking is impossible. In Stormberg it is also said to be an almost impregnable position; and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions it became evident that General Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State, perhaps some weeks. It is exceedingly probable that he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and wait for reinforcements which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the Cape. The detachment will sail Saturday next. Even if General French is not compelled to retreat he will be obliged to pause in his advance.

It now seems certain that the seventh division, which is being mobilized at Aldershot, will also be sent to South Africa. No news has been received confirming the Boer report of the capture of 50 prisoners at Modder river from Lord Methuen's column.

It is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought and the British have lost 567 killed, 2927 wounded and 1977 missing or prisoners.

The war office has issued a notice that after Jan. 1, a reduction will be made from the pay of soldiers serving in South Africa in the case of privates, four pence per day for wives, and a pence for each child; in the case of sergeants, eight pence for wives and two pence for each child. The sums have thus far been paid by the government. The order indicates a belief that the campaign will be a long one.

It is announced from Cape Town that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Leenfontein bridge between Stormberg and Burgherdorp, which the British destroyed on retiring.

Commandant Swaneppel who commanded the Boer forces at Stormberg, has been replaced by a Scotchman named Robertson.

INCREASED ANXIETY.

Great Britain Still Stirred Over Defeat at Stormberg.

London, Dec. 12.—The complete absence of news from the theater of war has increased public anxiety, so deeply stirred by Saturday's disaster. Such scanty messages as have dribbled through seem to indicate that preparations are about complete for simultaneous attacks on Tugela river and Modder, the dispatches showing the British and Boers in touch in both directions on Monday.

There is no confirmation of the report of another all day battle along Modder river on Monday, but possibly there has been a resumption of fighting as reported by General Cronje Monday evening, as the searching lyddite shell fire on Sunday was probably preliminary to the advance.

A strange item of news has reached here from Boer sources announcing the Waschbank bridge was damaged. This is taken in some quarters as a possible confirmation of the suggestion that the British made a wide sweep by the way of Helpskaar, and are preparing to attack the Boers north of Ladysmith.

A message from Naauwpoort, dated Monday, Dec. 11, shows General French has apparently no inclination to withdraw his advanced troops at Arundel, as it is feared it might be the result of General Gatacre's defeat. Gen. French reports that his artillery on Dec. 11, forced the advance post of the Boers south of Colesburg to evacuate their position and seek refuge behind Vaalskop.

There is great indignation in Great Britain at the ignorance the British intelligence department is displaying in estimating the Boer strength in Cape Colony. Experts aver that 15,000 Boers have to be driven out of Cape Colony before the passage to Orange river can be commenced. The Rhodesian force in advancing relief to Mafeking reached Gaborone's fort on Dec. 2, and found the Boers had evacuated the place. The Rhodesians are repairing the railroad as means of advance.

The latest news from Mafeking shows Colonel Baden-Powell has been forced to reduce rations of the garrison and the inhabitants, but water is still plentiful there.

BOERS USE STRATEGY.

They Mobilize Their Men Just Where They Are Needed Worst.

New York, Dec. 12.—Discussing the Anglo-Boer situation, the London correspondent of The Herald says:

Experts here would not be surprised to find that a considerable part of the Boers who were investing Ladysmith had been called off and hurried down to the southern part of the Free State to bar the approach of the British forces from northern Cape Colony. The extreme mobility of the Boers has always been one of their sources of strength.

General Buller held a review of troops at Frere camp, probably as a prelude to giving the order for an advance.

For the moment the great turning operations which had been going on in the western field stops.

Lord Methuen on the extreme right had been thrust forward to turn the Free Staters when they break back toward Blomfontein. As an incident of the general plan to relieve Kimberley General French was creeping up as a center line and occupied town after town, conforming to General Methuen's movements.

At last the time came when the pivot of the movement, General Gatacre's should move forward. The strategic necessity of seizing Stormberg was obvious. It is the junction of the main line from East London into the Orange Free State with a little branch line running west, which, when the bridge somewhat destroyed and the culverts have been repaired will give communication by rail between Generals Gatacre and French.

It was also necessary to make a forward movement on the center and right to keep the attention of the Boer commanders which might otherwise fall upon Methuen's weak lines of communication. Methuen has nearly accomplished his share of the scheme. He has suffered in all of his engagements. In all probability he has but one more ac-

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tion at Spytfontein or Magersfontein before Kimberley will be relieved. He is more anxious about the long line of communication behind him than about the entrenched position which he has to sooner or later assault.

General French has had no difficulties in his way. He has advanced from village to village with the intention of eventually occupying Colesburg and debouching into the Free State at Norval's Point.

The first move on Gatacre's part was to seize Stormberg, if possible. This attempt has been defeated and he has retired to Molteno. The effect of this on the future conduct of the campaign cannot be prophesied with any certainty. General Gatacre will have to be reinforced very strongly. General French will have to pause in his advance. Gen. Methuen, once the final action for the relief of Kimberley is fought, will have turned his attention to the line of communication with Deaar.

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The bold stand taken by the health officers of New York city in burning the ship and its cargo of coffee that was infected with the bubonic plague was a wise and forcible warning to foreigners who may intend coming to the country, and may serve to keep this horrible and rapidly spreading plague out of America.—Calvert Chronicle.

Hotel Arrivals. EXCHANGE

W A Murray, College; J F Randolph, E B Seay, Madisonville; A Harman, Baltimore; C C Robb, Bellefont, O; T B Gillespie, San Antonio; L H Fuller, City; C W Carr, W H Grant, Houston; C W Gordon, Jno T Garrett, Calvert; E W Bates, New York; R B Hubbard, Tyler; E Muenzenberger, H J Hatch, San Antonio.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will conduct a sale of fancy articles, suitable for Christmas gifts, also of cakes, on Friday, December 15, from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m., at the house of Mr. L. L. McInnis. Those ladies who intend to contribute articles for this sale, and have not met with the society, are requested to send in these articles to Mrs. McInnis, early on the morning of the 15th.

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TAYLOR INAUGURATED.

Democrats Serve Notice of Contest on the Republican Candidates.

Frankfort, Ken., Dec. 12.—William S. Taylor was inaugurated governor of Kentucky at 12 o'clock today. The crowd was much smaller than in past years, possibly due to the weather, which was a regular December blizzard. The inaugural ceremonies were simple. The retiring governor, W. O. Bradley, in the course of his speech, said he hoped the Goebel election law, which brought so much turmoil to the state would be wiped from the statute books. Governor Elect Taylor in his inaugural address said:

'The verdict rendered by the people last November was a mandate to the people in favor of civil liberty. It is a triumph of the people over the merciless, remorseless partisan machines erected to enslave them.'

He said one of the chief aims of his administration would be to secure the repeal of the election law.

The oath of office was administered to Governor Taylor by Chief Justice Hazenrigg.

The defeated Democratic candidates for state officers have begun serving notices of contests against the Republican candidates who had certificates of election through the decision of the election commissioners and several have been served.

This is an indication that the Democrats have not given up but will carry the contest to the legislature.

BYNUM'S POSITION.

Democrats are Opposing His Being Placed There as a Democrat.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Some of the Democratic senators have intimated to their friends that they will resist the confirmation of William D. Bynum to be a member of the board of appraisers at New York. Mr. Bynum, who was, until 1896, an active Democrat, but who participated in the campaign with the Palmer-Buckner Democrats, is less acceptable to Democrats than a lifelong Republican. The argument made against his appointment and confirmation is that the law requiring all members of the board shall not be of the same political party is being disregarded in appointing Mr. Bynum as a Democrat. When the case is taken up in executive session it will be urged against him that he really parted company with the Democracy when he bolted the Chicago nominations in 1896; that he has since stumped for a Republican or Republicans in congressional campaigns and should be appointed, if at all, as a Republican.

The opposition is considered likely to be futile, although a number of Republicans say that it is pretty large and handsomely paid position to be given a new recruit.

IN A TAGAL PITFALL.

First Instance of an American Soldier Being Injured by Them.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In hospital reports which have reached the war department from Manila, is chronicled the first casualty due to falling into a Tagal pitfall which contained the horrible device of bamboo posts set firmly in the hole and sharpened at the top for the purpose of impaling the unwary.

The American troops have frequently found such traps on the line of march and especially in front of insurgent trenches, but instances have been extremely rare in which the bamboo stakes were not discovered. Ordinarily the traps have been simply deep holes in the jungle covered with long grass, and although the soldiers have frequently fallen into them, no serious injury has resulted. On Oct. 25 when 45 men of company I. Nineteenth infantry, were engaged in a reconnaissance and chasing a small band of Tagals from some trenches, Peter Karl plunged into such a pit with its sharpened bamboos, and split his foot, which put him out of service. Fortunately, he did not tumble head long into the trap, for if he had, in the opinion of the surgical officers, his wounds must certainly have been fatal.

SERIES OF WRECKS.

Two Men Killed and Another Seriously Injured and Many Cars Demolished.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—A disastrous freight wreck resulting in the death of two men, the serious injury of the third and the destruction of about 30 cars, occurred on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad between Plainsboro and Princetown, N. J. Engineer Speigler and Fireman Henicker were killed and Brakeman Seagbaum was dangerously hurt. Three trains were damaged in the accident. The first westbound parted and the rear cars crashed into those ahead. Before the track could be cleared an eastbound train ran into the wreck and was soon followed by another freight going in the same direction. It was the engineer, fireman and brakeman of this train that were killed and injured. The wreck caused several hours delay to the passenger trains.

Defaulting Treasurer Sentenced.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 12.—Jay A. Buck, the defaulting treasurer of the Midland Lodge, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, who squandered \$1600 belonging to the union in board of trade speculations, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 years in Michigan City prison. For a time he had a \$5 a day job in the Midland Steel works and was superintendent of the United Presbyterian Sunday school.

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For full information write any "Katy" Ticket Agent.

LOCAL HOLIDAY RATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line in Texas at one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st., and January 1st good for return to January 3rd, 1900.

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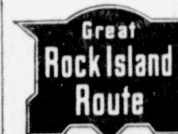
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FROM EBENEZER.

Miss Effie Buckhaults and little sisters, of Wesson, visited Miss Minnie Buckhaults Tuesday.

Mrs. Ruth Drummond and little son of Clairmont, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Mott.

Mr. Tom Seales left for his home in Lampasas Friday, after spending a few days with relatives in this county.

Mrs. Carroll and daughter, Miss Laura, went to Bryan Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of Harvey, visited Mrs. Carroll's family Thursday and Friday.

Mr. R. Stewart of Kurten was in our community Friday.

Mrs. W. E. Meredith is spending a few days with her father and mother at Kurten this week.

Mr. Jesse Carroll and family are visiting relatives at Rock Prairie this week.

Mr. F. M. Post and little girls of Wallace Prairie, Grimes county, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. L. M. Poss and family of Madison county, are visiting the families of Messrs. J. P. Post and A. J. Floyd.

Mr. Henry Atkins of Rock Prairie, visited his sister here Sunday.

Mr. D. Cargill and Mrs. Fred Cargill of Cartwheel, visited relatives here this week.

Christmas will soon be here, and I expect it will be a dull time in this community, as I hear of nothing to do here.

Mrs. Dr. Edge of Kurten, and Miss Tony Otto of Fickey, visited Mrs. Mott Monday.

Misses Ida Tullus and Georgia McDowell of Clairmont, were in our vicinity Wednesday.

Miss Emma Cobb of Wickson, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Buckbaults and daughter, Miss Minnie, went to Bryan Wednesday.

Mrs. Lee Edge of Clairmont, visited Mrs. Mott Wednesday.

Mr. Joe Atkins of Rock Prairie, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Burt Carroll of Rock Prairie visited his mother's family here Sunday.

Mrs. Mott visited Mrs. Mansel of Cottonwood, Saturday.

MODESKA.

FROM CROSS.

We have had rain and a norther the past week.

Owing to the bad weather, the congregations were small at Concord church Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. D. Outlaw was on the sick list last week, but is better.

Several from our community are attending court at Anderson this week.

Others are attending the Houston festival.

Fall oats are looking fine.

Our school at Cross has about seventy pupils, with Miss Lizzie Grissette, who is a splendid teacher, in charge.

Well, Christmas is almost here, and great things are expected of old Santa Claus.

G. J. McClung and family visited at Harvey recently.

Cross has a daily mail service from Bryan.

Church services at Concord include preaching every second Sunday and Saturday before; prayer meeting every Sunday night, and singing on the fourth Sunday afternoon, with Mr. R. Fain as chorister.

UNCLE NED.

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Not a Game of Chance.

"One of our police inspectors recently issued a very unique order relative to gambling," remarked a man from Chicago a day or two ago. "In effect his order prohibited all forms of gambling in the district, but draw poker was excepted. All other games were to be stopped instantly, but poker not being under the ban was to be allowed to continue. The inspector did not state his reasons for thus explicitly protecting the great American game. Probably he didn't consider poker in the category of gambling, seeing that skill and nerve are more important factors in poker than luck. A Missouri judge once took this view of it. A man was brought before him charged with violating the anti-gambling statute. The defendant's lawyer proved that the accused had been guilty of no more heinous offense than playing poker with Colonel Joe Rickey and several other distinguished Missourians. 'Hold on' said the judge, at mention of Colonel Rickey's name, 'you need go no further. Gambling is indulging in a game of chance, and as Colonel Rickey was in the game there could be no chance about it. The prisoner is discharged.'"

For Charity's Sake.

At a meeting of the Ladies Aid Society last Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. A committee was appointed to solicit for the Buckner Orphan Home. This committee will call, not only on our business men, but also from house to house, and we are satisfied will meet with a hearty response. Second-hand clothing, (not rags) will be appreciated.

No. 4070.

Report of the Condition OF THE— Merchants and Planters National Bank.

At Bryan, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, December 2, 1899.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$142,160 46
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	35,583 98
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	25,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	1,381 66
Banking-house furniture, and fixtures.....	2,050 35
Other Real Estate and Mortgages owned.....	6,731 82
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents).....	30,923 93
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	2,104 54
Due from approved reserve agents.....	8,358 74
Checks and other cash items.....	4,422 56
Notes of other National Banks.....	36,000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	934 23
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	12,169 00
Legal-tender notes.....	54,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation).....	1,125 00
Total.....	\$362,946 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	100,000 00
Surplus fund.....	20,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	15,320 62
National Bank notes outstanding.....	22,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	202,925 65
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	2,000 00
Certified checks.....	200 00
Total.....	\$362,946 27

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF BRAZOS, ss: I, J. N. Cole, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. N. COLE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December, 1899.

ROBT. ARMSTRONG,

Notary Public Brazos Co., Texas. CORRECT—Attest:

J. W. ENGLISH,
H. ROHDE,
M. D. COLE,
Directors.

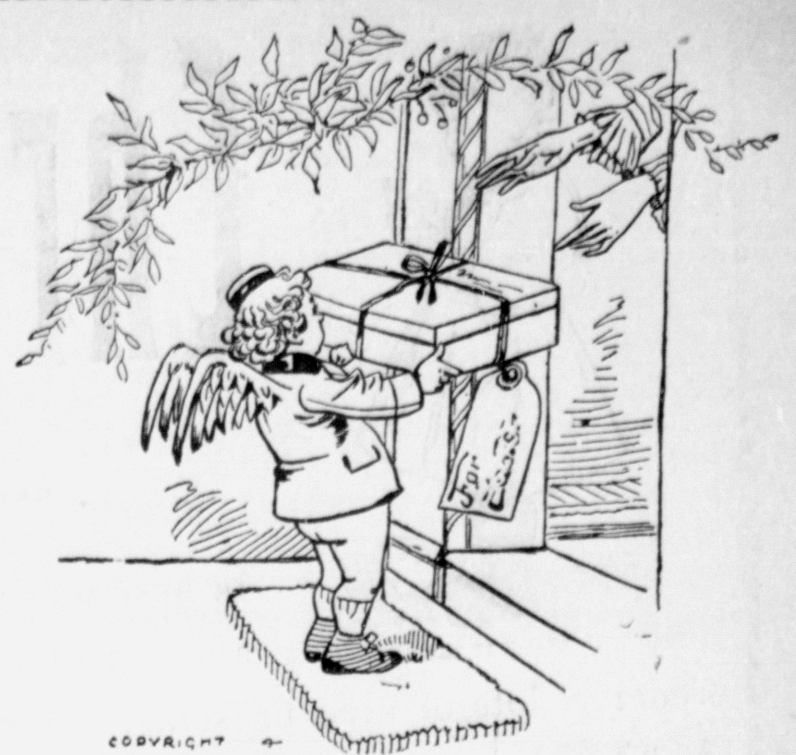
Recapitulation.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$177,744 44
U. S. Bonds.....	25,000 00
Stocks and Securities.....	1,381 66
Due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,125 00
Office Furniture and Fixtures and Real Estate.....	8,782 17
Cash on hand and in other banks.....	148,913 00
Total.....	\$362,946 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus and Profits.....	35,320 62
Circulation.....	22,500 00
Deposits.....	205,125 65
Total.....	\$362,946 27



YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Should be bought with care and judgment to make a little money buy lots of nice things. See the big stock carried by

JAMES & McDUGALD.

Their stock always contains the Latest and Most Popular Christmas Novelties—the most elegant and Tasteful Gifts that can be secured anywhere. Their

Wonderland of Toys

for the Girls and Boys is always unsurpassed. You will make a mistake if you buy before seeing their stock. Their prices are never high. Remember the place—

James & McDougald's, BRYAN, TEXAS.



Now on sale plenty of Big Fat Turkeys and Chickens.

Also fresh eggs arrived today. Come early and avoid the rush and get first choice.

THE HENS ARE ALL ON A STRIKE.
GEO. W. HIGGS.

Christmas Novelties!

We are showing an elegant line of Holiday goods including Statuary, Brass Tables, Handsome China, Beautiful Pottery, Mirrors, Pictures and other articles suitable for gifts and too numerous to mention. We have also remembered the little folks with a splendid assortment of Dolls and Toys. We bought at low prices and we are selling at prices that cannot fail to please. Yours for Christmas.

Thall's Drug Store.

A Store Brimming Full of CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR YOUR GENTLEMEN FRIENDS

Is what we have to offer you, things that are useful--presents that will be appreciated. We are showing the largest and most beautiful assortment of High Class Novelties in Men's Furnishings, SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS, ever brought to the City of Bryan.

We would suggest your calling early, making your selection and let us lay it aside for you, as the choicest things will soon be picked over. We furnish nice fancy paper boxes to put goods in, intended for Christmas presents.

BELOW WE OFFER A FEW HINTS FOR XMAS SHOPPERS:

Smoking Jackets.

In dark Grey, Brown, Navy and Cadet Blue, elegantly trimmed, at \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$10.

Fine Silk Neckwear.

In a beautiful assortment of Foreign and Domestic Silks, all the Latest creations in Puffs, Ascots, Imperials, English Squares, Four-in-Hands, Teck Scarfs, Bows and Club Ties. This selection far surpasses anything ever brought to Bryan—at

25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50

Silk Mufflers

In a beautiful collection of Imported Silk effects, new and novel patterns. Ask to see the new Oxford Muffler for ladies and gentlemen. They come put up in nice single boxes for presents. Prices

\$1, \$1.50, \$2.

Fine Silk Suspenders.

With gold plated and sterling silver buckles for engraving. Some are hand embroidered in beautiful fleur de lis patterns at

\$1, \$1.50, \$2, and 2.50

Kid Gloves

In all the season's colors, in dressed and undressed Kid, at

75c, \$1, and \$1.50

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

In plain white Hemstitched and Fancy Colored Borders, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1

Fine Suit Cases.

Well trimmed with brass lock and Catches at \$2.25, 2.50 and \$3

Men's Jewelry.

Latest Novelties in Gold Plated and solid gold Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons at 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, up to \$2.50.

Patent Leather Shoes.

In the famous Hanan & Son and American make, all sizes in button and lace, with Fancy black silk and kid tops, at \$3.50 and \$5.00

Fine Silk Umbrellas.

In natural wood handles, trimmed in Sterling Silver at

\$3.00 and \$5.00

Men's Half Hose.

Black, Tan and fancy colors, in fine cotton and Lisle Thread at 25c and 50c a pair, 6 pair in a box.

We are also showing a Complete Stock of JOHN B. STETSON SOFT HATS, Stiff Hats, All Wool and Heavy Cotton Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Shoes, etc.

WATCH OUR SHOW WINDOWS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Parks & Waldrop,

MEN'S OUTFITTERS.



Christmas

...TIME...

Is here again and all the little folks and big ones too expect to give and receive lots of nice presents. My store will again be the big headquarters for Toys, Fireworks, etc., during holidays.

In Handsome Gifts

We offer the most complete line—Books, Pictures, Cut Glass, China—everything new and novel originated for this season's holiday trade. We can supply your wants at prices so low as to be within the reach of all.

TYLER HASWELL,

BRYAN, TEXAS.

THE AIR SHIP.

A Splendid Musical Comedy—
Thursday, December 14.

An advance notice says: The days of the hurriedly thrown together clap trap play, poorly acted and deplorably equipped as to scenery and accessories have gone by. The theatre going public now demands perfection in every part and detail of a performance. This is said to have been accomplished in the play known as "The Air Ship"

which is by Mr. J. M. Gaites, and which will be produced at the opera house on next Thursday evening under the direction of the Marx & Reich Company. This comedy ought to fill the house from pit to dome as it includes some of the best known specialty artists, who give the latest high class novelties. Aside from this the comedy is well written, having an interesting plot which is carried through the entire three acts. The humor is said to be clean and bright and there are many funny scenes and situations as well as brilliant effects. It comes to us

with the reputation of being the best entertainment traveling under the farce comedy banner.

A Fine Holiday Edition.

Write for a copy of The Grimes County Record holiday edition. It contains a historical sketch of Grimes county and other historical news of interest and will be the prettiest paper ever published in Grimes county.

H. H. Hodge, Publisher,
Anderson, Texas.

New buggies and harness just received at Williamson Bros. 7

Williamson Bros. for new buggies and harness. 7

YOU WASTE MONEY!

When you buy useless articles for Holiday presents. Your family and friends will appreciate something useful just as much.

Our Immense Stock

offers limitless opportunities to economical Holiday Purchasers. You can get something suitable for any member of your family or friend without feeling that your money is wasted.

We have Fancy Table Covers, Center Pieces, Table Linens, Napkins, Blankets, Ladies and Misses Cloaks, Capes, Skirts, Waists, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Shirt Waist Sets, Fancy Dress and Stick Pins, Fascinators, and the Prettiest line of Dress Fabrics of any Style and price in the City.

We have Nobby Suits, Overcoats, McIntoshes, Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Underwear, etc., for Men and Boys. Kill two birds with one stone and buy something useful for Holiday presents.

YOURS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS,

BURT NORWOOD,

THE DRY GOODS HUSTLER.

GATACRE'S RETREAT.

His Artillery Saved a General Rout and Many Men as Prisoners.

London, Dec. 11.—Later details regarding the disaster to General Gatacre's column shows that but for the magnificent work of the British artillery, the disaster would have been more extensive, as the incessant Boer shell fire in the midst of the repulsed infantry ultimately led disorder which only escaped developing into a rout, through batteries of artillery occupying successive positions covering the retreat, thus drawing a portion of the Boer's galling fire. Apparently the British were set an impossible task and treacherously guided. After a trying march and being under arms 17 hours they attacked the wrong part of the Boer position where the hill was impregnable and the burghers estimated to the number of 6000 men instead of 2500 as the spies reported. There is little in the story to mitigate intense humiliation occasioned by the episode which is almost an exact counterpart of the battle of Nicolsons Nek.

The war office is besieged with anxious relatives and successive editions of newspapers are eagerly scanned. Men and women are equally persistent in pleading for information, but the authorities either do not possess any or are not prepared to publish it at present.

The affair has caused a most depressing influence everywhere, not excepting the stock exchange, where consols are at the lowest price for many years and South African securities slumped not so much on account of military reverses which is irretrievable, but owing to the profound apprehension as to present effect. No great surprise would now be felt if General Gatacre's reverse, resulted in Cape Colony becoming aflame from end to end.

Afternoon newspapers, like morning papers, withhold apportionment of the blame until they are further acquainted with the facts and takes the reverse philosophically.

SHARP CRITICISM.

London Newspapers on the Defeat of Gatacre's Advance.

London, Dec. 11.—In discussing the defeat of General Gatacre at Stormberg the Daily Mail says:

"Quite apart from the loss of 600 fighting men and unexpected Boer success will probably cause a more general and serious movement among the Cape Dutch. The government must promptly face this by the immediate dispatch of further troops."

The Daily News says:

"The reverse General Gatacre suffered is a sadly emphatic commentary on the peculiar difficulty of military operations in a semi-disaffected country. Enemies and spies everywhere, and nowhere can we rely confidently on any counter information. General Gatacre seems to have been completely trapped. Of course he will be immediately reinforced."

The Daily Chronicle says:

"There is only too much reason to fear this is the worst illustration we have had yet of inequity and insufficient scouting. How far this disaster is due to lack of judgment on the spot and how far the lack of artillery, is not quite clear, but the patient public cannot help recalling General Methen's victory at Modder river won by artillery reinforcements at a critical moment, and all they would like to know is how many times this particular lesson is to be learned."

The Standard says:

"The event is in the highest degree deplorable. It will tell against us unfavorably in the Free state among the Colonial Dutch and among the natives. A great deal of evidence accumulated during the past few weeks show how deeply the colony, or at least the northern and eastern portions of it, is honeycombed by disaffection. Our generals have to cope with the rebel colony as with a hostile republic, and must take measures and lay their plans in accordance with the details."

Shelled the Boers.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—The naval 4.7-inch gun again took position north of the camp this afternoon while the Howitzer battery was posted southeast on the left of the Boers. Both opened with a hot fire with lyddite shells and shrapnel to which the Boers sharply replied with a dozen guns, thus unmasking their position, which was the object of the British maneuvers. After an hour's firing the Boer guns were silenced. The Howitzers searched the trenches threw shell after shell upon the hills and the explosion of the lyddite causing the whole ground, over an extensive area, to rise in the air in dense, brown clouds. The Boers' long gun was dismantled.

Suspected as Spies.

Belfast, Dec. 11.—Two American commercial travellers who have arrived here say they were detained at Queens-town on suspicion of being Boer spies. They say the United States consul obtained their release and he is making inquiry into the matter.

New Cotton Mill.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 11.—It is announced that Prattville, Ala., is to have a new cotton mill, \$75,000 of the \$125,000 capital has been subscribed and the balance is in sight. The machinery will be ordered at once. The mill will manufacture standard sheeting.

Antitrust Move.

Little Rock, Dec. 11.—The secretary of state is preparing to certify to all the prosecuting attorneys in the state the names of all corporations who have failed to comply with the antitrust act, in accordance with the provisions of the act of the last legislature.

HOLIDAY GOODS...

Our holiday box has come, and we have secured a sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country the night before Christmas.

There are lots of people in this vicinity who will appreciate a present highly if it is some of our Medallions, Mirrors done in fire gilt frames, Tea Kettles in Brass, Chaffing Dishes, Iron Candle Sticks and many other metal novelties. These goods beggar description, like most good things have to be seen to be rightly appreciated.

Also Elegant Perfumes,

In neat packages made up for a gift package. Then we have an elegant assortment of China goods of all descriptions that we are selling at your own figures. We also have an assortment of Albums, Lap Desks and Cases, that will be sure to please you. Holiday packages of the celebrated Capidura cigar—just the thing for a man addicted to the weed. We are not unmindful of the little ones, as we have a large assortment of

Toys, Dolls, Fireworks,

And other things that gladden the hearts of the little folks. We cannot name prices—you will have to see the goods to judge whether prices and quality are right. We are so sure both are right that we invite you to come in to inspect—come to buy—come anyway. During the rush of the Holidays, we will not lose sight of our Drug Department, as this is first always. Bring your prescriptions and you can be assured they will receive the closest and best attention, and the prices will be right, that is if you wish them put up for the lowest figure consistent with the first quality of medicines.

BEN S. READ.

Kandy Kitchen

—AND—
OYSTER
PARLOR

BERWICK BAY Oysters

Served in any style.

The finest....

Candies, Fresh Fruits,

FINE CIGARS,
LOWNEY'S and
GUNTHER'S
Candies.

• Phone 202.



JOHN WITTMAN,

Merchant Tailor,
BRYAN, TEXAS.

Keeps a good stock of the Best Imported and Domestic Goods for Suits or Pants. Repairing and cleaning done at reasonable prices.

Patronize our Home Tailor and keep money at home. I guarantee Fit and Finish.

SHOP UP-STAIRS, OVER
BURT NORWOOD'S STORE.

For the Holidays

I offer Watches, Diamonds and Solid Silver at remarkably close prices. It will pay you to examine my stock before you buy. I can please you in quality and price if you will give me a call.

A. McKenzie.

If You Close Your Eyes!

To quality, the whole world is full of Bargains. But if you know good goods when you see them and know their real value you will find that for real bargains you will always find them here. Others may throw out attractive leaders to catch the unwary in the expectation of making up the loss on other sales, but you will find no such methods in this store. We keep everything in the way of the best Groceries.

**FERNDAL CAN GOODS.
PREMIUM HAMS.
ALBATROSS FLOUR.**

And goods of like standard character. We have just received a fresh shipment of Bulk Pork. We have Chilli Pepper and other ingredients to make Chilli. We receive fresh shipment of Fruit daily. We also have a nice line of evaporated fruit. Call and see for yourselves or ring up 'phone 106. Yours to please,

J. Chancy Kernole.

FREE DELIVERY.

H. & T. C. Time Card, Bryan

Northbound No 1.....12:21 p.m.
Southbound No 2.....4:03 p.m.
Northbound No 3.....1:16 a.m.
Southbound No 4.....3:04 a.m.

T. & G. N. Time Table, Hearne

WEST BOUND.

No. 1 leaves.....1:05 a.m.
No. 3 leaves.....9:05 a.m.

EAST BOUND.

No. 2 leaves.....3:53 a.m.
No. 4 leaves.....4:39 p.m.

BETWEEN HEARNE AND SAN ANTONIO.

No. 9, leaves Hearne.....3:10 p.m.
No. 10, arrives at Hearne.....11:55 a.m.

J. & T. C. Time Table Hearne

NORTH BOUND.

No. 1 arrives.....12:50 p.m.
No. 3 arrives.....2:45 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Ola Kern is visiting in Houston.
S. T. Tooke went to Franklin yesterday.

Hon. Chas. Davis left for El Paso yesterday.

Wedding presents, Wilson—Jenkins Drug Co. 12

If you have a milk cow for sale, see Roe Edge. 11

"Air Ship" tickets on sale at John B. Mike's store. 11

Mrs. J. H. Astin was a visitor to the city yesterday.

Drink Mount Vernon Pure Rye at the Exposition saloon. 160f

Mrs. John N. Henderson returned to Austin yesterday.

Smoke Metropolitan cigars sold at Exposition Saloon. dtf.

Miss Emma Wooten returned to Wellborn yesterday.

A. J. Buchanan was up yesterday after two days illness.

Lap Robe's—Chases goods, the best made, at Buchanan Bros. 15

Just received a fresh shipment of eating apples and oranges—very fine, Jno. M. Lawrence & Co. 11

Tickets on sale for "Air Ship" Thursday night at John B. Mike's store.

J. F. Randolph and E. B. Seay were here yesterday and went to Houston.

W. C. Newman of Macy, and W. H. McMichael of Edge, were here yesterday.

There is no better Christmas present than a nice lap robe. A beautiful line at Buchanan Bros. 15

Those smoking Jackets and house coats at Parks & Woldrops make elegant Christmas presents. 14

T. B. Gillespie was here yesterday from San Antonio. He has just recovered from a lengthy illness.

A solid carload of oranges were received by dealers here yesterday, which shows how Bryan buys goods.

Dr. Paul M. Raysor returned yesterday from Chappel Hill, where he was called by the illness of his father.

Dr. J. M. Nicks, C. A. Glenn and J. J. Cahill, of Stone City, were here yesterday having just returned from Houston.

If you are looking for a pretty kid body or dressed doll we have them, call and see them. Wilson—Jenkins Drug Co. 12

Rev. E. M. Myers, who had charge of the Millican circuit, was assigned by conference to Plantersville and Courtney. Rev. C. U. McLarty goes to Madisonville.

We are showing the prettiest display of Haverian, Limoges and French china ever brought to the city; it's going fast, call and make your selection. Wilson Jenkins Drug Co. 12

C. W. Gordon and John T. Garrett came down from Calvert yesterday to attend a regular meeting of Ivanhoe commandery Knights Templar held yesterday afternoon.

Buchanan Bros. show window presents a charming display of beautiful lap robes.—Chase's goods the best. Sold as cheap as these goods can be bought anywhere. 15

Chas. Edinburg's restaurant in the Zennati block is now open day and night. Regular meals 35 cents. Short order lunches at all hours. tf

THE CURRENCY DEBATE

Speaking Begun in the House on the Financial Bill.

WILL LAST SIX DAYS

Dolliver and Overstreet Speak for the Measure and DeArmond and McClellan Against—Several Antitrust Bills Offered.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The feature of the opening day of the debate on the currency bill in the house was the speech of Mr. Dolliver of Iowa. It was characterized by all the wit and eloquence for which the Iowan is noted. Mr. Dolliver declared that the last doubt in the Republican party as to the wisdom of enacting the gold standard into law had been resolved by the experience of the business world during the past three years. He scored Mr. Bryan and generally ridiculed the alleged false prophecies of the Democrats in 1896.

Mr. DeArmond of Missouri was the heavy gun on the Democratic side. He warned the Republicans from the west that they could not deceive their constituents in the coming congressional election by claiming that they had yielded to the wisdom of their colleagues in caucus.

Mr. Overstreet of Indiana opened the debate in support of the bill and Mr. Maddox of Georgia replied to him.

Mr. McClellan of New York, the only other speaker opposed the bill.

Debate on the currency question continued in the house today. Owing to the pressure for an opportunity to speak on the Democratic side, Mr. Richardson, the Democratic minority leader, asked that a night session be held for the remainder of the week, but this was demurred to and it was finally agreed that night sessions for the debate should be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio was the first speaker today.

The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 12.—An appeal by Mr. Mason of Illinois for an expression of sympathy for the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britain was the feature of the senate proceedings Monday. It was the first formal address delivered in the senate this session and was listened to with thoughtful attention by members and a large gallery of auditors.

The resolution upon which Mr. Mason based his speech was referred, at the conclusion of the address, to the foreign relations committee, Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts, considering it too delicate a question in view of the position of this government, to pass upon without serious consideration.

No business of importance was transacted by the senate and an early adjournment was taken.

At the opening of today's session of the senate resolutions were reported favorably from the committee on contingent expenses, authorizing the committee on privileges and elections to proceed with investigations of the election of Mr. Clark from Montana, and Mr. Scott from West Virginia.

The resolutions were adopted.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Leonard Wood to be major general of volunteers.

THE ROBERTS CASE.

Investigating Committee Continues its Work Behind Closed Doors.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Roberts investigating committee resumed session this morning behind closed doors. This, it is explained, will permit the committee to receive and discuss the reports on the procedure, the form of subpoena, etc. In the meantime, Mr. Roberts, himself, and quite a gathering of Mormons and Gentiles stood outside the committee door awaiting admission.

Roberts was prepared to continue his argument on a demurrer as to the rights of the committee to try him. The Gentile delegation was more numerous, including the white-haired Rev. Dr. Hiff, Mr. Schroeder, to whom Roberts interposed rather sensational objections on Saturday, and others who come on from Utah to direct proceedings against him.

QUAY'S CHANCES.

Much Campaigning Must Be Done to Insure Him Victory.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Apathy among Senator Quay's friends is making the outlook in the senate rather ominous for him. Senators Chandler and Penrose appear to be the only persons who are doing any active canvassing in his behalf and they are by no means encouraged by the progress they are making. The lack of interest was forcibly illustrated in the case of a senator who was approached with the suggestion that he make a strong speech in behalf of the constitutional right of a governor to appoint when a legislature had failed to act. This influential senator had spoken in favor of Senator Corbett and was urged to repeat the same argument that he advanced in that gentleman's behalf. He has declined the request on the ground that when he supported Mr. Corbett, both Senators Quay and Penrose had refused to vote to seat him. The senator stated that he would vote to seat Mr. Quay, but he did not see how the Pennsylvania senators could consistently insist upon his taking charge of the case on the floor of the senate.

It is becoming more manifest every day that Mr. Quay has considerable canvassing to do to make his seat in the senate a certainty. There are too many names on the noncommittal column to make the outcome certain for him at this time. Mr. Quay is expected here soon, when it may be expected that he will work hard for himself. One of the plans his friends are talking about is to induce a sufficient number of Mr. Quay's Democratic friends to absent themselves on the day when the final vote is taken and in this way assure a majority vote in his favor.

Change of Lawsuits.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Burke of Texas has introduced a bill providing that the circuit and district courts of the United States shall not take and have original cognizance of any suit, either at common law or in equity between corporations organized under the laws of any state in which such corporation at the time the cause of action accrued may have been carrying on any business authorized by the laws creating it. Patent laws and copyright cases are excepted.

The bill also provides that suits between corporations and citizens of a state in which the corporation may be doing business shall not be removed to any circuit or district court of the United States except in like cases in which removal is authorized by the existing law in suits between citizens of the same state.

Presidential Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Joseph A. Gill of Kansas to be judge of the United States court in the northern district of the Indian Territory. He also sent a long list of army recess appointments.

Bill Prohibiting Trust Articles.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Chilton has introduced a bill prohibiting the sending of articles, the making of which is controlled by a trust, from one state to another. Such offenses are made punishment not to exceed three years.

The Holiday Recess.

Washington, Dec. 12.—It is practically decided that the holiday recess of congress will be from Thursday, Dec. 21, to Wednesday, Jan. 3. Thus far, however, there has been no formal action.

Sympathy for the Boers.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Jett has introduced in the house a joint resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers. It is almost in the same terms as that introduced in the senate by Senator Mason.

A Blow at Trusts.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Morgan of Alabama has introduced a joint resolution to prohibit combinations between corporations to control interstate commerce and transportation.

Population of New Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The governor of New Mexico in his annual report estimates the population of the territory at 260,500, and says this year's record will exceed almost all former years in the revenue derived from produce, sheep and cattle. The report renews the plea for statehood.

Pension for Railroad Employees.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Officers of the proposed pension fund to be inaugurated by the Pennsylvania railroad on the entire system of East Pittsburgh and Erie, composed of the vice presidents and assistant comptroller of the company has nearly completed the work. The plan has already been approved by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania and Northern Central railroads and the board of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, West Jersey and Seashore will be asked to approve it. One of the most important matters in the detail is to fix the amount each pensioner of the company is to receive. While all details are being closely guarded, it is understood the amount will be a percentage on the basis of salary received during the 10 years preceding the pension. About 1000 employees, it is said, will be retired under the provision of the pension fund.

Rev. McKay Not Guilty.

Newport News, Dec. 12.—Not proved guilty is the verdict arrived by the ministers' association after an investigation of the charge of criminal intimacy with Mrs. Carrie M. Blythe, made by members of the Second Baptist church against the pastor, Rev. Thomas J. McKay, D. D. Mrs. Blythe is the wife of a wealthy liquor dealer. Dr. McKay recently entered local politics, and is a member of the police board.

Sweeping Antitrust Bill.

Richmond Dec. 12.—A sweeping antitrust bill was introduced in both branches of the legislature here Monday. The bill is drafted after the Texas law. The penalty imposed is a fine of \$500 to \$5000 a day during the continuance of the offense. Corporations violating the law forfeit the right to do business in the state. Articles produced by trusts are made contraband commerce in Virginia.

Severe Snowstorm.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 12.—One of the worst snowstorms seen here for several years started Sunday and continued until Tuesday morning. Trains on all railroads entering the city are delayed from three to five hours. Street car traffic is blocked and telegraph and telephone wires are down in all directions.

Commander Wood Dead.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Commander Wood of the United States navy, died of typhoid fever at his residence in this city. He was in command of the gunboat Petrel at the battle of Manila.

WE OFFER

TO THE ECONOMIST
TO THE GOOD LIVER
TO THE EPICURE

Following Edibles Approved By Connoisseurs

Ajax and Premium Hams and Breakfast Bacon.
Ajax Ham Sausage.
Full Cream Cheese.
Sweet, Sour, Dill and Mango Pickles in bulk.
A fresh supply of Dozier's Crackers.
Cakes and Cheese Straws—the latter an especially palatable delicacy.
All the ingredients for fruit cakes, fresh and of the highest grade.
Maple Syrup.
Open Kettle Louisiana Syrup.
Cape Cod Cranberries.
Anderson's Mince Meat.

In fact our stock is complete in the Staple and Fancy Line. Send, bring or 'phone your wants to us and you will gain the boon philosophers of old sought—contentment.

**Jno. M. Lawrence
& Co.**

Kernole's Stable!

Equipped for the Holidays with new rigs, new horses, and everything first-class in the livery line. We have six new horses and six brand new buggies, besides our former equipment of carriage, surreys, buggies and driving horses equal to any in Bryan. We answer orders promptly at any hour day or night, and give the best service for theatres, balls, etc. Special attention given to harness and buggy washing at 25 cents each. Respectfully.

J. O. Kernole.

HAVING PURCHASED

THE GROCERY Business of J. W.

English, we are now through taking

stock—wide open and ready for business

Our stock of Fancy Groceries is second

to none in the city, bought by one of the

oldest and most successful grocery men

in town. We are prepared to meet any

and all competition, quality of goods

considered.

The ladies are cordially invited to call

and examine our stock and see for them-

selves that we can supply your wants.

All orders delivered free in the city

limits.

Give us a trial on your next month's

bill and you will know where to do your

business in 1900.

DANSBY & DANSBY,

'Phone 114.

More New Attractions!

Just opened for inspection in **Pretty Holiday Gifts.**

Our space is the largest in the city for displaying

HOLIDAY GOODS,

Yet it was by no means adequate for showing our entire line during our opening. Therefore we are placing in stock for your inspection many new, handsome and pretty presents as fast as we remove the goods we have sold. Hundreds of customers have visited our store and few have left without making purchases, for fear that delay would deprive them of the beautiful presents they admired.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL CHRISTMAS WEEK!

You will find the stock badly broken, and the rush will be on. Come now and make your selections and we will RESERVE THEM FOR YOU.

Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

'PHONE 20

Beautiful and Useful

For Men and Boys.

Of course when you give a present you want it to be something nice, that is always considered. But the other point, that is, whether it is useful or not, is often overlooked.

What would be more acceptable than a nice

Florsheim Patent Calf Shoe for . . . \$5.00
Florsheim Vici Shoe for . . . 5.00
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Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Vessels chartered and other signs of activity at this port indicate that the year 1900 will be one of unusual activity and large imports of iron. It is said that 200 vessels will be required to load cargos of iron and copper destined for Philadelphia from Cuba and European ports. The ore beds in the lake regions and other mineral territories in the United States are said to be totally inadequate to meet the demand for manufactured iron and steel products in the coming year.

It is reported that 200,000 tons of iron ore have been engaged for shipment to this city from Spanish and other Mediterranean ports alone. A large amount of these shipments, it is believed, are destined for the Carnegie Steel company. There has been a revival of the Cuban ore trade since the close of hostilities in the island as indicated by a number of recent shipments from the mines at Juragua.

In addition to ore shipments there are other indications of a year of increased activity at the port of Philadelphia.

Reese Released from Jail.

Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 12.—John P. Reese, national committeeman of the United Mine Workers, who has been in jail here under commitment from the Federal court for contempt has been released under the writ of habeas corpus recently issued in St. Louis by Judge Thayer. The necessary \$3000 bond was provided by Topeka bankers. Mr. Reese returned at once to the coal fields where he was rearrested declaring that he would pursue the course which he was pursuing when Judge Williams ordered his arrest for contempt.

Lieutenant Brumby Seriously Ill.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The condition of Lieutenant Brumby, Admiral Dewey's flag lieutenant, and who has been ill for several days with fever, has changed for the worse. He has become unconscious and a consultation of the physicians was held and a telegram sent summoning a Baltimore physician who is a specialist on fevers of the kind from which the lieutenant is suffering. The patient is threatened with hemorrhages. Mrs. Haywood, a sister of the sick officer, is at his bedside.

Another Case at Tyler.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 12.—Another case of smallpox has developed at the Cotton Belt hospital. He is one of the six or seven patients who were exposed to the disease two weeks ago. The case is a mild one, and he has been sent to the pesthouse some miles west of town. The other patients who were exposed have been vaccinated since exposure and have occupied a remote wing of the hospital which renders the spread of the disease almost impossible, in the opinion of the physicians.

Menage a Free Man.

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Louis F. Menage, formerly president of the defunct Northwestern Guaranty Loan company of this city, who returned voluntarily from his hiding place in Mexico a few months ago after five years' absence, is now a free man. The county attorney entered nolle in all three indictments for embezzlement that have been hanging over Menage six years, as the principal witnesses in the cases are dead.

A Heavy Gale.

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—One of the heaviest gales of the year prevailed on Lake Erie Tuesday. The wind blew at the rate of 50 miles an hour from the southwest. Very few vessels ventured out, the weather bureau having sent out warning of the approaching storm. Telegraph and telephone lines are badly prostrated.

Alleged Horse Thief Bound Over.

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 12.—A man named Mark C. Burke was arrested at Palmyra on the charge of stealing a horse and buggy belonging to E. V. Setties of this city. Burke found the horse and buggy on Main street, where the horse was tied to a hitching post.

Got Judgment for \$2200.

Decatur, Tex., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of Rev. A. D. Rodgers against the Fort Worth and Denver railroad for \$10,000 for alleged damage sustained on the company's train, allowed Mr. Rodgers \$2200.

Judge Pryor Resigns.

Louisville, Dec. 12.—A special to The Times from Newcastle Ky., the home of Judge W. S. Pryor, says the ex-chief justice has resigned as chairman and member of the state board of election commissions.

Killing at Franklin.

Franklin, Tex., Dec. 12.—Gregory Evans was lodged in jail here by Sheriff Townsend charged with shooting and instantly killing George Robertson at Hearne. Evans is 22 years old and unmarried.

Thrown From a Horse.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 12.—Chris Hagelstein, a merchant of this place, was thrown from his horse and sustained concussion of the brain. He has not yet returned to consciousness.

Negro Hanged.

Paris, Ky., Dec. 12.—Clarence Williams, a negro, was hanged in the jail yard here. On March 26 last Williams, while intoxicated, shot and killed Josie Tillman, a negress.

Receivers for a Bank.

New York, Dec. 12.—Receivers have been appointed for the Mercantile Co-operative bank of this city.

Snow In the Northwest.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—A heavy snowfall is reported from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

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Tickets will also be on sale Dec. 10th to 14th inclusive, limited to leave Houston not later than 10 p. m., Dec. 16th, 1899. Fare, \$3.00. W. S. Wilson, Agent.

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